

DRUG COURT GOALS

- Reduce criminal recidivism of chemically dependent participants who are at high-risk to reoffend;
- Reduce illegal drug use; and
- Improve community functioning in the areas of employment, education/training and housing.

DRUG COURT SERVICES

- One-on-one judicial interaction
- Intensive probation supervision
- Substance abuse, mental health, family and other counseling
- Random drug screening
- Community service
- Employment assistance

COST

Participants are required to pay a Correctional Service Fee and a Training and Employment Fee.

In addition, participants may be required to pay a fine and/or restitution.

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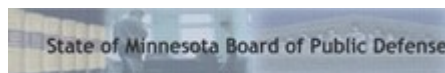
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HENNEPIN COUNTY DRUG COURT

**A court-supervised treatment
program for non-violent
property and drug offenders**



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WHAT IS DRUG COURT?

Hennepin County Drug Court is a voluntary twelve-month program available after a defendant enters a guilty plea. It is an alternative to traditional criminal prosecution designed for chemically dependent offenders who want to change their lifestyle by maintaining a sober, crime-free existence. Drug Court participants must make regular appearances before the designated Drug Court judge. The participants are subject to intensive probation supervision with input from a multi-disciplinary team of professionals led by the judge. The participants receive long-term (six months) treatment, including: breath and urine testing, individual and group counseling, and attendance at community self-help support meetings.

Entry into the Drug Court program is strictly voluntary on the part of the defendant. Participants are required to pay a Correctional Service Fee, a Training and Employment Fee and possibly restitution. Fines may also be imposed. Some participants are required to serve a period of incarceration at the Adult Corrections Facility prior to active involvement in the Drug Court program.

Drug Court participants are offered every opportunity to succeed in the program. Successful completion and graduation from Drug Court results in a discharge from active probation. However, participants who fail to comply with treatment and other program requirements will be subject to sanctions, including: increased drug testing and alcohol monitoring, more frequent courtroom appearances, more intensive probation supervision, and periods of incarceration. A participant who fails in Drug Court will be sent to jail or prison.

Drug Court aims to reduce repeat offenses, reduce illegal drug use and improve community quality of life.

Participants successfully completing the Drug Court program make significant progress in terms of employment, education, and living a stable and sober lifestyle.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR DRUG COURT?

Eligibility is evaluated by the Drug Court team on a case-by-case basis. General requirements include:

- The participant is charged with a non-violent felony property or drug offense.
- The participant is a Hennepin County resident and is 18 years of age or older.
- The participant is at high risk to reoffend and has a chemical dependency problem.
- Violent offenders are not eligible for Drug Court.

PHASES OF THE PROGRAM

Each of the program's three phases is designed with specific expectations. Participants receive points for fulfilling program requirements and phase advancement is based on a point system. Each phase lasts approximately four months.

PHASE ONE

- Report weekly to probation officer;
- Maintain daily telephone contact with probation;
- Attend court biweekly;
- Attend at least one community self-help support meeting weekly and obtain sponsor;
- Complete at least five hours community service;
- Obtain suitable housing;
- Secure employment or attend school;
- Remain crime free;
- Submit to all random urine screens;
- Attend treatment sessions; and
- Petition for Phase Two.

PHASE TWO

- Report biweekly to probation officer;
- Maintain daily telephone contact with probation;
- Attend court every three weeks;
- Attend one community self-help support meeting weekly, maintain sponsor and attend treatment and aftercare;
- Complete at least five hours community service;
- Submit to all random urine screens;
- Remain crime free;
- Maintain employment;
- Participate in required intervention (such as cognitive-behavioral group, school or relapse prevention); and
- Petition for Phase Three.

PHASE THREE

- Report biweekly to probation officer;
- Maintain daily telephone contact with probation;
- Attend court monthly;
- Attend one community self-help support meeting weekly, maintain sponsor and attend treatment and aftercare;
- Complete at least five hours community service;
- Submit to all random urine screens;
- Remain crime free;
- Maintain employment;
- Participate in required intervention (such as cognitive-behavioral group, school or relapse prevention); and
- Petition for graduation.

GRADUATION

To graduate, the participant must have paid all fines and costs, performed all community service, remained drug and alcohol free for a minimum period of 120 days prior to graduation, and have accumulated a sufficient number of points.